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October 15th, 1915.

Chancellor McCrimmon

McMaster University

Toronto

Dear Mr Chancellor:

The Superintendent of Education has sent to me, as the Chairman of the Matriculation Board, the accompanying announcement for schools with regard to instruction and examination in the History and Geography of the War. He suggests that the Universities may be willing to co-operate in this matter as regards the Matriculation Examination. Last year the Universities took action in this way, and I feel sure that the University of Toronto will be glad if the other Universities will join with it in recommending to the Matriculation Board that similar action be taken this year.

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 13th, 1915

Chancellor McCrimmon,

McMaster University,

Toronto.

Dear Chancellor McCrimmon:

Last night at the meeting of the Senate of the University the case of a Dental student was brought forward who presented a certificate of Junior Matriculation from McMaster University, whereby according to our Calendar some thought he had a claim to proceed to our degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. The Committee were unwilling to admit this claim and the question arose whether McMaster really intended to give him a certificate of Junior Matriculation. I took the view that McMaster probably had not that intention inasmuch as the Universities of the Province were in agreement to hold their powers in abeyance and that all certificates as to Junior Matriculation were issued by the Matriculation Board. Will you be kind enough to look into the matter and let me have an answer so that I may report at the next monthly meeting of the Senate ? The name of the student was Fred Knight.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
McMASTER UNIVERSITY
TORONTO

Ackd 16.11.15

November 15th, 1915.

President Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto.

Dear President Falconer:-

After the formation of the Matriculation Board McMaster cut off all regular and supplemental matriculation examinations except those which she was bound to hold according to agreements she had with her affiliated colleges. She has been gradually removing these. Professor McLay, our Dean in Arts, had a conference with Mr. Brebner this autumn respecting several cases of students entering the Dental course to whom we had granted certificates of marks showing they would be recognized by us as matriculated students. Mr. Brebner thought it only fair that students whom we had been carrying on our books be allowed entrance as heretofore, especially as the examinations of last spring were the last upon which we would issue certificates for our Colleges in the West. After this their students must get their certificates from the Provincial Departments of Education. Under these conditions it may seem proper to you to allow the student whom you mention to have standing.

(completion of memory.)

He was appealed to by the Dental Board when the case was first mooted. JB

With our arrangement not to grant certificates to our western affiliated schools on future examinations, we have left only Woodstock and Moulton College where we hold examinations. As I explained to you when we were conferring about the German Professors we had to break through twenty-five years' agreement and practice, and

it would take some time to make the adjustment in those Colleges. You were good enough to say that you would arrange with Mr. Brebner to have our certificates of marks honored in the meantime for those students from these schools wishing to attend Toronto.

I hope that you have fully recovered from your recent illness.

Yours truly,

A. H. T. Gimmon

November 10th, 1915

Chancellor McCrimmon,

McMaster University,

Toronto.

Dear Chancellor McCrimmon:

In the absence of President Falconer I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in answer to his regarding the case of Mr. Knight.

I shall bring the attention of the President to your letter on his return to the city .

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

November 18th, 1915

Chancellor McCrimmon,

McMaster University,

Toronto.

Dear Chancellor McCrimmon:

Owing to the absence of Mr. Brebner the action of McMaster was misunderstood by me, but now I quite remember that you mentioned your difficulties to me some time ago. The reason, however, why Mr. Knight's case was not considered favourably by our committee was that he did not get his matriculation until his course in Dentistry was nearly completed, and to grant a degree on a matriculation at that date is quite contrary to our regulations.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 4th, 1915

Chancellor McCrimmon,

McMaster University.

Dear Chancellor McCrimmon:

I am sending to you a copy of our last calendar in which you will find the full details as to the revision of our special courses. We are acting on these now. Our negotiations now with the Department concerns the recognition of what we have done. It is probable that slight modifications may have to be made to meet the needs of the Department.

As to the candidate's completing specialist's qualifications under former regulations , I think that the matter has likely become acute now through the case of Mrs. Horne, which has been submitted by us to the Department. I know that the Department has our views in the matter and I hope that we may be able to adjust things.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.